



Territorial Lib'ry

The Williams News

EVERY PATRIOTIC AMERICAN SHOULD DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG IN HIS HOME AND IN HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS, OR OFFICE IF HE HAS SUCH AS A TESTIMONY OF DEVOTION TO HIS COUNTRY

Volume 25

WILLIAMS, COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA. THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1917

Number 21

MASS MEETING CALLED FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

In school Auditorium at Seven O'clock—Before the Show

The Board of Trustees of the Williams School have called a mass meeting for Saturday night April 21 for the purpose of considering the purchase of the J. S. Amundsen residence for school purposes. The Board was asked to consider the purchase of this property for this purpose, at one of their recent meetings and turned the proposition down. Since then members have been approached by many patrons of the school, who have expressed the opinion that the board made a mistake in so doing. Accordingly the meeting for Saturday night has been called in order to give the patrons of the district an opportunity to express their views on the matter, and to enable the Board to gauge the sentiment of the public on the question.

It is imperative that more room shall be provided for the school in order to relieve the congestion in some of the rooms. This may be done by adding another wing to the present building, but that would materially reduce the playground which is already too small. The purchase of the Amundsen property would give the additional room and would also add materially to the playground adding nearly a quarter of a block to the present grounds. Following this, arrangements could be made to have the Catholic church moved on to other lots and that would clear the entire block for school purposes.

It is further urged that the Amundsen property would make a proper and convenient place for the domestic science classes, with cupboards and cooking conveniences already provided.

The purchase of this property would not require the voting of bonds, as sufficient funds to make the purchase are already available. No change in the heating plant would be required if this property is purchased. The capacity of the present plant would have to be increased to provide sufficient heat for another wing to the present building. This would entail a considerable expenditure.

The claim is made that with very little remodeling, the Amundsen residence would furnish abundant room for all purposes the coming year. It is further quite certain that the building could not be duplicated for the price asked.

All patrons are urged to be present at the mass meeting to hear arguments both for and against the purchase, and to express their opinion on the question.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Lovelace, of Great Falls, Mont., are spending a few weeks visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Rittenhouse. Mr. Lovelace is a brother of Mrs. Rittenhouse.

Just received a new shipment of Ladies Hats in latest styles of shapes and materials. Also best of quality at reasonable prices. See them before buying your summer hat.

Mrs. Harry Dial.

ATTRACTIVE GIRL TO WED C. C. BLY

With only the relatives present, the marriage of Miss Lydia Alberta Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wright, to Claude C. Bly of Williams will take place at six o'clock this evening at the home of the bride's parents on the Indian school road. The service will be read by Rev. E. Anderson of the Bethel church.

The wedding of the attractive Phoenix girl to the wealthy sheep man will come as a decided surprise to their host of friends. No announcement had been made of the engagement and Miss Wright remained at her desk in the office of the clerk of the superior court until the closing hour on Saturday Miss Wright, an unusually clever girl has occupied positions of importance during the past five years. She is as sweet and amiable as she is talented in business and has a world of friends.

She will make a charming bride in an effective frock of white net that is decidedly becoming to her pretty brunette type. She will carry a shower bouquet of Cecil Bruner roses and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Louis Ott will be her sister's matron of honor and only attendant and Jack Bankhead will serve Mr. Bly as best man.

The living room where the ceremony will take place will be transformed into a bridal bower of sweet peas and pink will be the color scheme.

The young people will pass the early part of the week in town, registering at the Adams. They plan to motor through the northern part of the state for an indefinite period and will divide their time between Williams and Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Christensen returned to their home at Camp Clover, from a month's sojourn at Chalender where Mr. Christensen had charge of the building of the new Ranger Station House and barn.

Now while the ground is damp is the time to apply Carbon Bisulphide to the prairie dog and gopher holes. For sale by the Grand Canyon Drug Store.

SEED POTATOES Parties wishing seed potatoes please write E. D. Dodge, Mercantile Co., Parks, Arizona. Supply limited.

VISITED LAKE SUNDAY

The construction committee of the Williams Development Association, visited Coleman Lake Sunday and all were delighted with the prospect there. The lake is nearly full of water and will soon be running over.

Members of the Duck Club were also among the party and they picked out two locations suitable for their club house. One of these is to be settled upon and construction is to be started soon on the club house and grounds.

The Development Association was scheduled for an important meeting Thursday night, at which the report of this and other committees were to be considered. A report of this meeting will appear in the News next week.

HEAVY RAIN AND SNOW WORTH THOUSANDS

One of Heaviest Falls of General Rain and Snow on Record Cheers Stockmen and Farmers Thruout all Northern Arizona—With Warm April Weather Sure to Follow, Excellent Forage will Soon Fatten Starving Cattle and Sheep—Three Days Waterfall at Williams 5.3 inches

All northern Arizona has just been visited with a three days storm taking the form of rain at lower levels and snow on the mountains, that means hundreds of thousands in added wealth to stockmen and farmers. At Williams snow began to fall Sunday night and continued almost without abatement until Wednesday morning. During Monday the snow thawed nearly as fast as it fell, but during Monday night the thawing was somewhat checked and the snow accumulated rapidly. While the snow continued to thaw until Tuesday night, the snow continued to accumulate rapidly, and by Wednesday morning it lay to a depth of from two to three feet on a level. The sun came out Wednesday forenoon and shone clearly the remainder of that day and Thursday. No severe freezing occurred either during the storm or immediately following, so that stock while largely deprived of forage during the storm and for a short time afterward, did not suffer from cold.

At lower levels, where only rain fell, grass is reported to have sprung up like magic. With the ground so thoroughly drenched the growth of the grass is bound to continue for several weeks to come, even without additional moisture, so that good range will soon be plentiful.

At Kingman and other points west the storm developed into a heavy downpour which bountifully replenished the supply of drinking water for stock. In some sections stock had begun to suffer severely for want of water.

Farmers are delighted with the snow because it promises to leave the ground in a thoroughly moist condition at the time for spring planting. This will mean the early sprouting of the seed, and almost insures a good yield of forage crops.

The local weather station recorded a waterfall of 5.3 inches which from reports coming in would seem to have been little if any larger than what fell at lower levels.

Mr. E. S. Shoecraft of Albuquerque spent several days visiting with his sister, Mrs. McFadden and family, the first of the week. Mr. Shoecraft represents the Emerson Brantingham Implement Company and while here did a large amount of business.

Epworth League Meeting

The Epworth League held a called meeting, Monday night at the Methodist Church. Four resignations were received and two accepted. At the meeting Mr. Marion Baxter was elected president, Misses Sine and Stanley remained in office and Miss Minnie Drennan was elected fourth vice-president.

HOME GUARDS FILLED WITH EARNEST ARDOR

Drilling Being Pushed and Guards Whipping Rapidly Into Form—To Drill With Gun Soon

That the company of home guards is filled with an earnest desire to get in shape and be ready for emergencies, is shown by the fact that three full squads in addition to officers, turned out last Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, for the morning's drill. The weather was disagreeably cold and the wind blew miserably, but nothing daunted, the guards marched to the old fair grounds for drill practice and put in an hour at good hard drill. The company turned out almost to a man again Tuesday night at the school gymnasium, and a number of new men joined the drilling. The company shows rapid improvement and the officers are quite delighted with the spirit shown by the men.

Squad and company formation, in addition to the rudiments of right-face, left-face, about-face etc., are all that have yet been attempted, but these have been mastered with remarkable readiness. The officers hope to secure a supply of guns and to start the company on the manual of arms and drill with the guns, within the next few weeks.

MEET TO ORGANIZE RED CROSS BRANCH

About thirty-five Williams women responded to the call for a mass meeting at the school house last Saturday, for the purpose of organizing a branch Red Cross society.

The meeting was called to order by Geo. Kimball, temporary secretary of the Loyalty League, in the absence of the president of the league. A very interesting discussion was had for more than an hour. All present expressed their desire to become members of the organization, but it was found that it would be necessary to correspond with the national organization in order to learn the exact form of organization that would be required to affiliate with the national organization.

A temporary organization was effected with Mrs. E. B. Perrin as manager and Mrs. R. C. Wentz as secretary-treasurer. The secretary was instructed to correspond with the proper authorities in order to determine what action would be necessary in order to affiliate with the national organization. The women expressed themselves as being desirous to co-operate with the Loyalty League and to work under this organization as a sub organization or sub committee.

Before adjournment, Mrs. Ben Sweetwood and Mrs. Clymer Jeffries were appointed as a visiting committee to call upon the women of the town who were unable to attend the meeting, to appraise them of the object and work of the organization and to learn how many of them desire to affiliate themselves with the organization.

Here is another proof that Williams does not wait on the larger cities to learn what to do to answer the country's call.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Under the proclamation of the President of the United States of America, dated April 6th, 1917, it is unlawful for alien enemies of the United States to have in their possession any of the following articles:

Any firearms, weapon or implement of war, or component part thereof, ammunition, maximum or other silencer, bomb, or explosive, or material used in the manufacture of explosives any aircraft, or wireless apparatus, or any form of signaling device, or any form of cipher code, or any paper, document or book written or printed in cipher, or in which there may be invisible writing.

Any alien enemy who fails to surrender any such articles within twenty-four hours after public notice has been given, will be subject to summary arrest if such articles shall be found in his possession; and the articles will be seized and forfeited to the use of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. G. Dickinson, Sheriff in and for the County of Coconino, State of Arizona, hereby make the following order: All alien enemies of the United States, must surrender within twenty-four hours after this notice is given, all the above articles in their possession, to the Sheriff's Office at Flagstaff, Arizona, or to W. G. Dickinson, Sheriff or any legal and acting deputy sheriff of this county.

All alien enemies failing to comply with this order will be immediately apprehended by me and arrested and all such articles seized: All articles surrendered under this order will be receipted for in full and returned after the war.

Dated this 20th, day of April A. D. 1917.

W. G. DICKINSON, Sheriff of Coconino County, Arizona.

Under \$5,000 Bond

Alexander Marquez the Mexican charged with perpetrating the horrible crime upon little twelve year old Nativada Hernandez, had his hearing before Judge Buton Wednesday afternoon. The case against him is a strong one and he was bound over under a price of \$5,000. This might as well have been five million as far as Marquez is concerned. Cipriana Chavey the Mexican with three children upon whom the crime was first blamed, is held under five hundred dollars bond, as an important witness. The Sheriff's office including Deputy Wade certainly deserves much credit for the speedy way in which they ferreted out the man who is guilty, almost beyond a possible doubt. Mr. Wade arrested him at a sheep camp fifteen miles out from Hillside.

Attorney Wilson deserves much credit, too, for the determined way in which he lent his assistance in bring Marquez to justice.

The speedy justice that descended upon Marquez should serve as a severe warning to other possible offenders in the future.

Jim Girdner has returned from an unsuccessful search for his horse, around the Cataract country.

SHERIFF TO LOS. ON TRAIL OF FORGER

Sheriff Dickinson left for Los Angeles, Wednesday night, in search of Harvey E. Bailey, wanted on a charge of Forgery. Mr. Bailey was formerly employed as a fireman at the Harvey House. He recently set out for Get-rich-quick and by way of the road known as forgery, and is apt to find that the road ends in the state prison. He passed a forged check at Babbitts for \$27.50 and another for six dollars. Both were on the Citizen's Trust and Saving Bank Los Angeles. On one he gave the name Rueben M. Chuch and on the other his own name. The Los Angeles bank reported that they have had no account with anyone of either name.

Mr. Bailey should have taken counsel before attempting forgery in Sheriff Dickinson's county. With "Billy" on his trail he stands a good chance of getting free board at Flagstaff in the near future.

C. E. METZGER PASSES AWAY

C. E. Metzger of Grand Canyon died at the Weatherford Hotel at 10 o'clock this morning, a victim of kidney trouble.

Deceased arrived at the hotel Saturday, and on Sunday evening wrote his people that he was feeling better and would be home in a few days.

When it was suggested that he be removed to a hospital he declined stating that he had always had a horror of being taken to a hospital.

He was about in the hotel lobby early this morning and when he began feeling worse he went to his room and a physician was called who stayed with him until the end.

The body has been removed to the Whipple undertaking parlors, pending receipt of instructions from relatives.

It is understood the deceased leaves two sons and one daughter at the Grand Canyon, and a wife and a daughter in Seattle, Wash. Deceased had been homesteading, it is understood and also had a grocery store at the Canyon. He was about fifty years of age.

—Northern Arizona Leader

Answers Country's Call

Walter Finney and Camel Wolfe are the first Williams boys to respond to the country's call for volunteers for marine service. They left Tuesday night for Phoenix to take the examination required of navy recruits. They are to be honored for the courageous step which they have taken and it is to be hoped that the names of other Williams boys may soon be added to the roll of honor, of those who shall respond to their country's call.

Mrs. Christensen's brother Robert Sheperd, formerly of the University of New Mexico, came in on No. 12, Sunday, and is spending a few days visiting at Camp Clover, awaiting the time when he is to go to the Grand Canyon to be look-out at the Hopi Tower.